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In re Application of

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Examiner: Nguyen, Khiem D.

For: TAPE CARRIER TYPE SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND FLEXIBLE SUBSTRATE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

<u>AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111</u>

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A tape carrier type semiconductor device comprising:

a flexible substrate on whose surface wiring is formed; and

a driver circuit which is mounted on said flexible substrate and drives a device connected to said flexible substrate,

wherein said flexible substrate includes a first slit having a connector situated intermediate thereto for connecting both sides of the first slit to reduce warpage, and

wherein said first slit comprises a first sub-slit and a second sub-slit with said connector therebetween.